

# SEA FIGHTERS BY DEFEATERS

Messages From Paris Indicate Clemenceau and Lloyd George Have Scored Great Success of Question.

LONDON, Jan. 10. (Reuter's Dispatch to Canadian Press.)—Messages from Paris indicate that Premier Clemenceau and Lloyd George have scored a great success on the question of the freedom of the seas, and that very likely it is to be said on this subject when the actual peace conference assembles.

## REAL SESSIONS OF BIG PEACE MEET IMMINENT

PARIS, Jan. 10.—After nearly a month of waiting and of preliminary conversations which will lay the foundation of the actual peace conference are about to start. American delegates feel that a great deal of progress might have been made before now if a full representation of the allies and neutral powers had arrived promptly.

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It is settled that when he reaches America one of his first acts will be to address Congress and give a report on what has been accomplished. Some trained diplomats among the Americans here are agreed that the most Mr. Wilson can hope to report will probably be a general undertaking of the widest scope, but that the principles which must be left to be applied by the peace conference.

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# BRITISH VESSEL BRINGS 1,003 YANKS TO PORT

NEW YORK, Jan. 10.—The British transport ship, *Cunard line steamer*, arrived here today from Brest with 1,003 American troops, 400 of whom are being transferred to the 42nd and 43rd divisions of the 1st American Army.

## NAVY WITH 225,000 MEN DECIDED UPON

WASHINGTON, Jan. 10.—A temporary naval force of 225,000 enlisted men for the year beginning next July was decided on today by the house naval committee in beginning the work of framing the naval appropriation bill for the next fiscal year. The force is 25,000 less than was recommended by Secretary Daniels.

## TWO BROWNSVILLE BOYS WOUNDED, RETURN HOME

BROWNSVILLE, Tex., Jan. 10. (Sp.)—Two Brownsville boys returned from France this week, both having been wounded. One, Private William Brown, was wounded in the leg and arm, and the other, Private William Brown, was wounded in the leg and arm.

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# WILSON PREPARES FOR PEACE SESSIONS

Premiers and Ministers of Foreign Affairs Will Meet With President Next Week to Name Committees.

PARIS, Jan. 10.—The premiers and the ministers of foreign affairs of the allied nations will meet President Wilson and members of the American peace committee next week in the first formal conference of the plenipotentiaries of the nations aligned against the central powers. Committees will be appointed then to arrange the program of actual peace conference to follow with the plenipotentiaries of the four great nations. It is expected that England, France, Italy and America will, of course, have a considerable representation on these committees, and that conferences will continue to proceed informally to obtain a full agreement between the allies on all points before the plenipotentiaries of Germany and her allies are admitted to the final peace assembly.

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President Wilson, promptly upon his arrival here from Italy, entered on his duties. He has physically borne most manfully the trip into Italy, which was in all respects a triumphal journey. He has been chosen by the American people as the most fitting candidate for the presidency of the United States.

Col. House, who had been busy conferring with Marshal Pichon, French minister of foreign affairs, and with the French plenipotentiaries, returned to the United States today. He was accompanied by his wife and daughter, and by a number of his staff.

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# Flyer Honored For Plucky Fight

MAJOR LEWIS H. BRERETON.

Major Brereton has been cited for extraordinary heroism in action late in the war. He was pilot of an observation plane in Berlin during an attack by four enemy planes when his observer was wounded and his gun jammed. He was the last to leave the field.

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# EBERT FORCES VICTORIES IN BERLIN BATTLE

Government Troops in Complete Control of Part of City, But Report of Recapture of Police Station Is Error.

BERLIN, Jan. 10. (By the Associated Press.)—The government forces are in complete control of that section of the inner city between the Brandenburg gate and Friedrichstrasse. It has issued an order prohibiting all processions.

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# SPARTACAN CHIEF REPORTED FLEEING

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# GENERAL STRIKE IN ARGENTINA RESULTS OF CLASH

More Than 200 Casualties Occur When Fighting Takes Place Between Troops and Strikers in Buenos Aires.

BUENOS AIRES, Jan. 10.—A general strike was declared throughout the Argentine republic at midnight last night. The strikers, who were armed, clashed with the police and soldiers, resulting in more than 200 casualties.

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# LEIPSIC DEMANDING REMOVAL OF LEADERS

COPENHAGEN, Jan. 10.—The immediate removal of the Ebert government is demanded of the soldiers and workmen's councils of Germany by a resolution passed by the Leipzig congress of the German soldiers' and workmen's council, according to a telegram reaching here from the city.

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# BIG BATTLE BEGAN ON WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

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# THREE TRANSPORTS LEAVE FOR U. S.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 10.—Departure from France of three transports, the *Huron*, *Belgic* and *Athena*, with about 6,000 troops, including many sick and wounded, was announced today by the war department.

The *Huron* is due at Newport News Jan. 15 with 100 officers and 3,000 men from the following units: Third Provisional Battalion, 12th Cavalry, 12th (Kansas), 124 (Arkansas), 125 (Ohio), 415 and 416 (Maryland), 417 (Kansas), field hospital No. 34, and the 41st sanitary train. Second heavy mobile ordnance repair shop, 423 and 424 (Kansas), 425 (Ohio), 426 (Maryland), 427 (Kansas), 428 (Ohio), 429 (Maryland), 430 (Kansas), 431 (Ohio), 432 (Maryland), 433 (Kansas), 434 (Ohio), 435 (Maryland), 436 (Kansas), 437 (Ohio), 438 (Maryland), 439 (Kansas), 440 (Ohio), 441 (Maryland), 442 (Kansas), 443 (Ohio), 444 (Maryland), 445 (Kansas), 446 (Ohio), 447 (Maryland), 448 (Kansas), 449 (Ohio), 450 (Maryland), 451 (Kansas), 452 (Ohio), 453 (Maryland), 454 (Kansas), 455 (Ohio), 456 (Maryland), 457 (Kansas), 458 (Ohio), 459 (Maryland), 460 (Kansas), 461 (Ohio), 462 (Maryland), 463 (Kansas), 464 (Ohio), 465 (Maryland), 466 (Kansas), 467 (Ohio), 468 (Maryland), 469 (Kansas), 470 (Ohio), 471 (Maryland), 472 (Kansas), 473 (Ohio), 474 (Maryland), 475 (Kansas), 476 (Ohio), 477 (Maryland), 478 (Kansas), 479 (Ohio), 480 (Maryland), 481 (Kansas), 482 (Ohio), 483 (Maryland), 484 (Kansas), 485 (Ohio), 486 (Maryland), 487 (Kansas), 488 (Ohio), 489 (Maryland), 490 (Kansas), 491 (Ohio), 492 (Maryland), 493 (Kansas), 494 (Ohio), 495 (Maryland), 496 (Kansas), 497 (Ohio), 498 (Maryland), 499 (Kansas), 500 (Ohio).

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# ARGENTINE CORN MAY NOW BE IMPORTED

WASHINGTON, Jan. 10.—All restrictions on the importation of corn and rice have been removed by the war department.

At the same time the board announced that it would consider applications for the export of rice and for licenses for the shipment of oats and other products of the Argentine.

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# URGENT CAPACITY LOADING OF CARS BE CONTINUED

Co-operation of all shippers in an effort to have all freight cars loaded by the end of the month is being urged by the Interstate Commerce Commission.

The commission is asking shippers to load their cars as fast as possible, and to keep them in the yards as long as possible, so that they can be used for other traffic.

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